Minutes of May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Location: BOPARC Marilla Recreation Center, Morgantown, WV

Call to Order: President Trumble called the meeting to order at 3:01PM.

Establish Quorum: Members present included Cal Carlson, Susan Klingensmith, Jenny Selin, Jenny Thoma, and Danielle Trumble. Members absent were Amel Morris.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2023 were approved by consensus.

Correspondence: None.

Financial Report: Director Wiles reviewed the contents of the financial report. Jenny Selin moved to accept the financial report, and Susan Klingensmith seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

Old Business: No items.

Action Items:

Urban Deer Hunt Proposal

Susan Klingensmith moved to accept the Urban Deer Hunt proposal for the 2023-24 hunting season and Jenny Thoma seconded. During discussion, Danielle Trumble asked what the duration/timeline was, and if it would be year by year? Director Wiles said it was up to the board. By consensus, the board agreed to approve the proposal on a year by year basis. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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2023-2024 Budget Draft

 Director Wiles provided the 2023-2024 budget draft to the board. She summarized the budget meetings, city estimates, contingency fund, and estimated expenses. Jenny Thoma moved to accept the draft budget, and Susan Klingensmith seconded. In discussion, Jenny Selin appreciated the opportunity for the budget meeting sessions. Danielle Trumble found the opportunity for individual meetings for budget questions great and was glad to see contingency funds for emergencies. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Public Comment: Frank Oliverio, President of the Morgantown Hockey Association, conveyed that right now MHA was in their budget period, finding out the number of kids who would be playing, and didn't know what to set because they did not know what ice they needed elsewhere or here. He hoped it would be like in years past, from the middle of August to the middle of March. Mr. Oliverio said they needed to know as one of the user groups, as they rely on communication to work their league. Director Wiles responded that they have tentative dates, and that BOPARC has always shared these with MHA and the other user groups in the first part of June. The tentative opening ice arena date for the coming season is August 22. Director Wiles explained that BOPARC does not communicate ending dates this time of year until the season has started and is not changing anything they've ever done in terms of communication. Mr. Oliverio said he was not sure when that was communicated and wanted a basic understanding. He said the last two years have been a complete unknown, and wanted to know if there

would be a new rink built or not. Danielle Trumble stated that there was no plan at this time for any major renovations.

Executive Session: Cal Carlson moved to enter executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 6-9 A-4 as it pertains to acquisition and/or development of real estate in 1st & 5th wards and personnel items arising from the appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, transfer, demotion, disciplining, resignation, discharge, dismissal or compensation of employee(s), and Jenny Thoma seconded the motion. Susan Klingensmith moved to exit executive session and Jenny Selin seconded the motion. Executive session was exited at 5:36 pm.

Executive Director's Report: Director Wiles shared the content of the Executive Director's report.

General Board Comments: Jenny Thoma appreciates Director Wiles' weekly update emails. She also inquired if there were general guidelines about things that shouldn't be in board comments or in public meetings. Susan Klingensmith expressed appreciation for Director Wiles. Jenny Selin appreciated what BOPARC has to offer lately and how we want to move forward. Cal Carlson went to Eureka Café for the first time and very much enjoyed it. Danielle Trumble attended a lot of events recently, including Touch the Earth. She shared that the Woodburn cleanup would be May 20th, 2023, from 10 to 11:30ish at Whitemoore Park behind Mario's Fishbowl.

Adjournment: Susan moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jenny T seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Carlson

June 11, 2023

Entered Into Record:

Melissa Wiles, Executive Director

June 14, 2023